
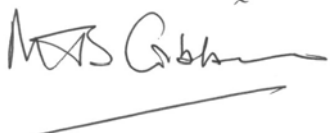


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|  <b>Regulatory Policy Committee</b>  | <b>OPINION</b>  |                   |
| <b>Impact Assessment (IA)</b>   | Transposition of the Council Directive 2010/32/EU "Implementing the Framework Agreement on Prevention from Sharp Injuries in the Hospital and Healthcare Sector between HOSPEEM and EPSU" |                   |
| <b>Lead Department/Agency</b>   | Health and Safety Executive   |                   |
| <b>Stage</b>  | Final   |                   |
| <b>Origin</b>   | European  |                   |
| <b>IA number</b>  | -   |                   |
| <b>Date submitted to RPC</b>  | 05/12/2012  |                   |
| <b>RPC Opinion date and reference</b>   | 09/01/2013  | RPC12-HSE-1335(2) |
| <b>OIOO Assessment</b>  | <b>GREEN</b>  |                   |
| <p>The IA is fit for purpose. As the proposal is of European origin with no evidence of going beyond the minimum requirements, it is out of scope of 'One-in, One-out' in accordance with the current One-in, One-out Methodology (paragraph 16, ii). The IA scores an Equivalent Annual Net Cost to Business (EANCB) of £0.53m. Based on the evidence provided, this appears a reasonable estimate.</p>  |   |                   |
| <p><b>Overall quality of the analysis and evidence presented in the IA</b></p> <p>The costs and benefits of implementing the Framework Agreement on the Prevention from Sharp Injuries in the Hospital and Healthcare Sector have been adequately assessed. Where possible the IA provides monetary estimates of the direct costs to business, with the underlying assumptions and their sources, including evidence from consultation, clearly presented.</p> <p>For example, it is explained that many of the regulations in the Directive, including training and the reporting of injuries, are already covered by existing guidance or are widely used as 'best practice'. As a result, the increase in total costs to healthcare providers is expected to be low.</p> |   |                   |
| <b>Signed</b><br>  | <b>Michael Gibbons, Chairman</b>  |                   |